

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-3, 5-7, and 10-13, and add new Claims 14-16, as indicated below. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

1. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method to facilitate auditing of data in a database, the method comprising:

entering first data into a first database;

entering second data into at least one second database; ~~and,~~

receiving screen data for navigating to a location of said first data;

issuing a command for navigating to said location of said first data based on said screen data; and

comparing said first data and said second data to determine if ~~certain entries of data~~ said first data and said second data are substantially similar prior to an authorization for a transaction.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said first data includes rate data.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one second database includes at least one inventory management and distribution systems (IMDS) database.

4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said comparing step includes obtaining said second data from said at least one second database.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said comparing step includes obtaining said second data from said at least one second database using at least one of: a Structured Query Language (SQL) query, a screen scraping, and a pattern recognition.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further ~~including~~ comprising at least one of: recording and reporting at least one discrepancy resulting from said comparing step.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further ~~including~~ comprising negotiating a rate related to travel related services.

8. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of entering first data into a first database is facilitated by a broker.

9. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of entering second data into at least one second database is facilitated by a service provider.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further ~~including~~ comprising converting currency to a common currency type.

11. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method to facilitate auditing of rate data in a database, the method comprising:

entering first rate data into a first database;

entering second rate data into a second database; ~~and~~,

receiving screen data for navigating to a location of said first rate data;

issuing a command for navigating to said location of said first rate data based on said screen data; and

comparing said first rate data and said second rate data to determine if ~~certain entries of rate data~~ said first rate data and said second rate data are substantially similar.

12. (currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said second database includes an inventory management and distribution systems (IMDS) database.

13. (currently amended) A system configured to facilitate auditing of data in a database, the system comprising:

a first database having first data;

at least one second database having second data; and[[,]]

~~an RT~~ a rate tracking (RT) server configured to compare said first data and said second data to determine if ~~certain entries of~~ said first data and said second data are substantially similar prior to an authorization for a transaction,

wherein said RT server is configured to receive screen data for navigating to a location of said first data, and

wherein said RT server is configured to issue a command for navigating to said location of said first data based on said screen data.

14. (new) The method of claim 1, further comprising matching a pattern included in said screen data to a predefined pattern.

15. (new) The method of claim 11, further comprising matching a pattern included in said screen data to a predefined pattern.

16. (new) The system of claim 13, wherein said RT server is configured match a pattern included in said screen data to a predefined pattern.